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SUBJ: UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA CALLS FOR MULTINATIONAL
WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH AFRICA:

1. THE NEWLY APPOINTED UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA, MR. MARTTI AHTISAARI, HAS BLAMED MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS OPERATING IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE DELAY OF MAJORITY RULE IN NAMIBIA. SPEAKING ON HIS ARRIVAL AT LUSAKA AIRPORT, JAN 15, AHTISAARI WHO IS CURRENTLY FINNISH AMBASSADOR TO TANZANIA, MOZAMBIQUE AND SOMALIA, SAID THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF MULTINATIONALS IN SOUTH AFRICA WAS "DETRIMENTAL TO THE DIGNITY OF AFRICA" AND CALLED FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE PULL OUT "IF THEY HAD ANY RESPECT LEFT FOR HIMAN DIGNITY".

2. AHTISAARI, WHO TAKES UP HIS NEW APPOINTMENT AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, DECLINED TO DISCUSS THE PLANS FOR REMOVING SOUTH AFRICA FROM NAMIBIA BUT SAID HE WAS IN LUSAKA TO DISCUSS STRATEGY WITH SWAPO OFFICIALS AND WOULD TAKE ANY NEW PLANS TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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3. HE STATED THAT ELIMINATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA DEPENDED ON THE COOPERATION OF THE MULTINATIONALS AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT COUNTRIES WHOSE COMPANIES OPERATE IN SOUTH AFRICA WOULD MOUNT ENOUGH PRESSURE ON THEM TO PULL OUT. AHTISAARI SAID "THERE ARE NO NEUTRAL GROUNDS ON THE ISSUE BECAUSE THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE ON THE SIDE OF THE OPPRESSED AND THOSE WHO ARE ON THE SIDE OF THE OPPRESSORS". HE CALLED FOR

THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICA AND MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES
FROM NAMIBIA TO CONFORM WITH INTERNATIONAL OPINION. LOW

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